

Baldwin Hills Environmental Interpretation Initiative

**Project Status:**

Active

Site Specifications:

Not Applicable

Estimated Costs:

\$400,000

Project Manager:

Urban Education
Partnership

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The Baldwin Hills Conservancy has a mission to acquire open space and to provide recreation, restoration and protection of wildlife habitat within the territory for the public's enjoyment and educational experience. The Baldwin Hills Environmental Interpretation Initiative (Initiative) is funded by a \$400,000 grant from the Conservancy's Proposition 40 park improvement appropriation. Through the Initiative, the Conservancy seeks to foster environmental stewardship and inspire action in local school age youth and families. The natural areas of the Baldwin Hills are preserves for members of the community to explore and experience the wonders of nature while gaining an appreciation for the environment.

The Initiative represents an unprecedented commitment to preparing a generation of stewards, in one of the most densely populated urban areas in the country, for the responsibility of managing California's natural resources. Participants will be given an opportunity to learn about the interplay of physical, biological and environmental processes firsthand as they collaborate to restore, preserve and make use of outdoor resources in the Conservancy territory, including Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, Oil Fields and Ballona Creek.

Key components of the Initiative include:

- ◆ A resource map of environmental education agencies, parks, museums, and science based programs within a five-mile radius of the Baldwin Hills
- ◆ Development of an approved curriculum and interpretive materials focused on the ecosystems of the Baldwin Hills for use in area elementary, middle and high school districts
- ◆ Training and workshops for local educators and community groups to help restore and preserve habitat areas in Baldwin Hills
- ◆ Planning and development of a facility ranging from an outdoor classroom to a nature center complete with exhibition space for interpretive programs



One Big Park Concept

BALDWIN HILLS PARK